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# MAUNA KEA WORKING GROUP Meeting Summary

September 22, 2021, 5 - 7 p.m. | Full Working Group meeting

### Participants:

Rep. Mark Nakashima, Chair  
Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen  
Rep. Stacelynn K.M. Eli  
Rep. David A. Tarnas  
Ms. Jocelyn Leialoha M. Doane  
Dr. Lui Hokoana  
Dr. Pualani Kanaka'ole Kanahele  
Mr. Joshua Lanakila Mangauil  
Ms. Brialyn Onodera

Dr. Noe Noe Wong-Wilson  
Mr. Wayne Tanaka (OHA)  
Mr. Robert K. Masuda (DLNR)  
Dr. Bonnie Irwin (UH)  
Mr. Rich Matsuda (Maunakea  
Observatories)  
Ms. Mahina Duarte (Facilitator)  
Mr. Sterling Wong (Facilitator)  
Excused: Mr. Shane Palacat-Nelsen

- Mr. Masuda provided an update on the Culture sub-committee:
  - The Culture sub-committee presented a statement to "set a Native Hawaiian cultural foundation" for consideration and discussion by the Working Group:

"Maunakea and Maunaloa are life-giving sources. Thus, making these environs and ecosystems, sacred space.

Through chants, mo'olelo, generational observation, cultural practice and science, we understand that the height of Maunakea, particularly the summit area, interacts with the natural weather elements to create, attract and convey water which is essential to all biota and human life. As such, the geographic jurisdiction should enable an integrated and whole systems management and careship approach which prioritizes the protection of Maunakea's hydrology and ecology."

- Reviewed and discussed maps prepared by DLNR showing water, ceded lands, and culturally significant landmarks, including 5,000, 6,000, and 7,000 elevation lines.
- The Working Group discussed the geographic jurisdiction and scope for the new management structure.

- In preparation for the briefing by UH, Dr. Irwin requested that questions be provided in advance.
- Next meeting: September 29, 2021, 5 – 7 p.m.